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Introduction

base) or apportioned across various years (such as in the case of a

6.4 Two Steps into the Future: Reinforcing and Redefining Source State Taxation

- * Consider a more fundamental response to mismatches and base erosion that is facilitated by the focus of the UN Model on source state taxation (rather than the OECD's presumption of applying the OECD Model).
- * Rule 1- A payment made (e.g. expense) with a foreign source may only be deducted in calculating foreign source income. Foreign losses are strictly quarantined. Need for consistency with the approach to the foreign tax credit limitation.
- * Rule 2 Full and comprehensive withholding tax on all outbound payments. Rule 2 does not apply to payments received by permanent establishments (source state taxes on a net basis), but Rules 1 and 2 apply to payments made or deemed made by permanent establishments.
- * Consequences for non-residents with domestic source income, with examples.
- * Consequences for non-residents with domestic and foreign source income, with examples.
- * Apply these rules to the examples given at 6.2 and compare the complexity of